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Conference rivals Northwest and Missouri Western face off Saturday. See page B1.

Newsbriefs

twins campaign
Missouri Thursday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—First lady Barbara Bush will campaign in Missouri on Friday, making stops at Cheney campaign headquarters in Independence and Springfield, a campaign organizer said. First Lady Bush's 22-year-old daughters will make stops and meet with campaign staff and volunteers in Independence at 1 p.m. before traveling to Springfield for a 5 p.m. appearance.

Allegations halt
of Sept. 11 coins

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer on Wednesday issued a court order to temporarily suspend the sale of commemorative Sept. 11 coins heavily advertised as minted from silver salvaged at ground zero. Spitzer said the sale of the coins emblazoned with the World Trade Center on one side and the Freedom Tower on the other is a fraud and investigating the claim that came from the twin towers.

sues Boonville
over meeting law

MARYVILLE, Mo. (AP)—General Jay Nixon, Boonville city officials said, are challenging the state's open records law.

charges that the City Council rejected a salary offer for a city manager at a Sept. 30 meeting but that on Oct. 2, Mayor Danielle called council members to increase their pay.

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and the AP say
confident things will
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involved.

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Bush the winner on
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ultimately determined
eks after vote recounts
fights.



PHOTO BY AARON BAILEY/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Democratic Congressional candidate Charlie Broomfield and his granddaughter, Madison Hyatt, canvass a neighborhood in St. Joseph, Mo. Broomfield, a native of Kansas City, Mo., is looking to unseat Republican incumbent Sam Graves of Tarkio.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHARLIE

Where Charlie Stands

- On a U.S. constitutional ban on Gay Marriage

Opposes a U.S. constitutional ban in favor of state rights

- On stem cell research

Strong supporter of stem cell research technology

- On gun control legislation

Strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and right to carry

- On No Child Left Behind Act

Believes it is underfunded and if elected, will fight to fully finance the act

"The Truth About Charlie" is first in a two-part series profiling 6th District congressional candidates Charlie Broomfield (D-Gladstone) and incumbent Sam Graves (R-Tarkio). Check The Northwest Missourian within the next two weeks for a profile of Sam Graves.

Moore slams Republicans,
energizes local liberals

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
Assignment Editor

Famed activist Michael Moore stressed two points to slackers Saturday at Bearcat Stadium: vote and get other people to vote Nov. 2.

During his 18th stop on the "Slacker Uprising Tour," Moore spoke to more than 2,200 people from across the region.

However, throughout the 90-minute speech, Moore urged 18-24 year-olds to get out and vote.

"We don't want you to give up your slacker ways," he told the cheering crowd. "We want you to still keep sleeping until noon and party all night. The great thing about America is that the polls are open after noon."

Moore's visit to Maryville came four days after the DVD and video release of "Fahrenheit 9/11." Moore also released the book, "Will They Ever Trust Us Again," recently. The book contains letters from American soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The underlying theme of Moore's 60-city tour is to get people to the polls. In press conference after his speech, Moore said having somebody go to the polls uninformed is better than not having them go at all.

"I don't expect everyone who goes to the polls to know everything," Moore said. "Everybody knows a little something. You may not read *The New York Times*, but you pick up a paycheck and you



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Moore drives home the importance of getting out the vote in Missouri while speaking at Bearcat Stadium Saturday.

go to school. You're affected by the decisions that are made. You know what it costs to go to the doctor if you don't have health insurance. All of those things make you an informed voter on some level."

While Moore's speech is geared toward getting people to the polls, he did not shy away from his distaste of the Bush Administration. Calling Bush and his cabinet, "radical extremists," he also heckled the College Republicans protesting outside the stadium.

And although Moore stressed the importance for Missouri to vote for Sen. John Kerry, spectator Virginia Murr said she was impressed with the participation of Young Democrats and College Republicans.

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Coming Out Week focuses on tolerance

National Coming Out Week opens with candlelight vigil

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

Candles burning down to their fingers, 18 friends told stories as the cool night temperature chilled their skin. All were on common ground.

In remembrance of Matthew Shepard, a Wyoming 21-year-old killed for being gay in 1998, members of Common Ground held a candlelight vigil Tuesday night to talk about how to defeat hate crimes against people who are gay or belong to a minority group.

"We are here speak out against people who do not understand or who do not choose to understand that being different is not a bad thing," said Common Ground President Stephanie Hurd.

Tuesday was the second day of events that kicked off National Coming Out Week.

National Coming Out Day has grown to NCOW and is now a year-round program that promotes honesty and openness about being gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender on campus, in the workplace and at home.

"We hope that everyone will one day understand and not look at us with labels," Hurd said. "We hope they'll look at us as a person who just happens to be gay."

Members of Common Ground have had varied responses from family and friends when they have come out, ranging from parents saying they will help correct their child, to parents not caring about their child's lifestyle, to a father accepting his daughter dating



PHOTO BY COLEY YOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR

Barry Closser joined Common Ground to remember Matthew Shepard Tuesday night. He tries to educate others about homosexuality.

would dance for joy if we could, but as long as we at least reach one person, then I'm happy."

Hurd does admit that the group has not faced any real opposition as far as people committing acts of aggression toward members of Common Ground.

"If anything, people just ignore us," Hurd said. "Most of the time we'll get a friendly nod, but we're not going to get a handout from anyone."

Something that the group does want to point out is that being gay is not something they chose.

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NCED sets plan of action for region

By KIMBERLY BRAND
Missourian Reporter

Community development requires economic strength and expansion, and Nodaway County means business for progress.

The Nodaway County Economic Development staff approached the County Commission at a recent meeting, seeking suggestions and expectations of economic development in Nodaway County. The Commission's input can be seen as part of NCED's "plan of action," a statement of ideas and ideals for continued economic progress.

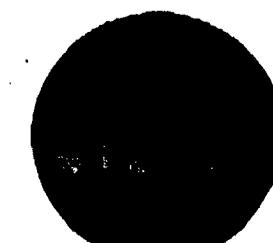
The organization's goals focus first on maintaining the idea of development in the county, including acknowledgment of the needs of the county as a whole. The city of Maryville falls just below the state average cost-of-living. Continued economic development will ensure consistent quality of life in the area.

"The quality of life for those choosing Nodaway County as their home remains high, as do our expectations," said Lee Langerock of NCED. "That continued high standard of quality of living will be maintained through community cooperation, interconnectivity between service providers and solid planning for the future."

Langerock reminds citizens that the county still holds Missouri's lowest unemployment rate and the NCED, armed with information and motivation, will use their "plan of action" as a guide to continue Nodaway County's economic gain.

Web Extras:

Read reviews on new Jimmy Eat World and Sum 41 albums, as well as films "The Day After Tomorrow" and "Friday Night Lights."



Your Weekend Weather

Friday 10/15



Clouds and sun
High 59°F
Low 30°F

Saturday 10/16



Partly sunny
High 63°F
Low 39°F

Sunday 10/17



Clouds and sun
High 70°F
Low 46°F

International News



Iraqi police stand near a burning U.S. military vehicle after it came under attack in the center of Mosul, north of Baghdad, Iraq Wednesday. Roadside bombings killed four American soldiers in Baghdad, the U.S. command said.

Bombings kill 4 U.S. troops

BAGHDAD, Iraq — (AP) Roadside bombings killed four American soldiers in Baghdad, the U.S. command said Wednesday, as U.S. and Iraqi troops staged raids in Ramadi and Baqouba, stepping up pressure on Sunni insurgents before this week's start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

A suicide driver plowed into a U.S. convoy and blew up his car Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, wounding five American soldiers. It was the second suicide attack against American convoys in Mosul in the past three days.

Iraq's interim prime minister also warned that U.S. and Iraqi forces will launch military operations in the main insurgent stronghold Fallujah if residents do not hand over Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

During Wednesday's operations, U.S. troops swept into the Sunni stronghold of Ramadi and joined Iraqi police and National Guardsmen in raids in Baqouba after a day of fierce clashes in militant enclaves stretching from the gates of Baghdad to the Syrian border.

Three of the U.S. deaths occurred late Tuesday when

a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. Another American soldier died in a bombing before dawn Wednesday in western Baghdad.

Two of the soldiers injured Wednesday in the Mosul attack returned to duty later in the day, the military said. The others were hospitalized and there was no word on their condition. One U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a similar suicide operation.

More than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops launched two simultaneous raids

Wednesday around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, to clear the area of insurgents.

One of the early morning operations took place just south of the city, in the village of Daliabbas, said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Several people were detained. The other operation also took place in Baqouba though no location was given.

"Basically, it's a pre-Ramadan operation just to clear up some of the area around Baqouba," Jackson said.



A mother reacts near the grave of her son who was a victim of the Russian hostage-taking. Hundreds died in the siege.

Grief, rage still prevail long after siege

BESLAN, Russia (AP) — Wailing and pounding their hands on dirt graves, hundreds of people dressed in black on Tuesday marked the end of the traditional 40-day mourning period for the children and adults killed after terrorists seized a school on the first day of classes.

Fears are rising that grief may give way to violence by the mostly Ossetian residents against the Ingush, a rival ethnic group whose members were among the raiders who took control of School No. 1.

Top federal and regional officials have appealed for calm, but seething anger is replacing sorrow in North Ossetia, the republic in southern Russia where Beslan is located.

"I can promise you there will be violence," said a 47-year-old man outside the school who gave only his first name, Ruslan. "(The Ingush) are all bandits."

The school's shattered remains yet again became the epicenter for the anguish of those whose relatives and friends died in the Sept. 1-3 siege. The

corridors of the school rank with mildew and smoke, and rife with angry graffiti rang with women's wails and sobs.

In the charred gymnasium, where more than 1,000 people were held without food or water in sweltering heat for three days, schoolchildren lit thin candles and people propped up small religious icons and photographs among the flowers and stuffed animals. One woman shook with sobs as she read the graffiti scrawled on the walls: "Children, forgive us."

At the town cemetery, where hundreds of fresh graves were adorned with bricks and wooden marking posts, Ossetian women began exchanging their black head scarves for dark-colored ones to mark the end of the mourning period. Red-eyed men somberly poured drops of water or beer on the graves as offerings to the dead. The sounds of a chorus of Orthodox Christian priests singing prayers and blessings mixed with the wails of women pounding the dirt graves, and yelling in Ossetian or in Russian: "How can this be? How can this be?"

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"Many of us are afraid to go to school now. Many of us can't even sleep at night," said 16-year-old Alona Pliyeva, who came with about two dozen classmates from a nearby village.

In the surrounding streets, families set up long tables and lit bonfires for mourning meals. Grief-stricken families could be identified by their men, wearing beards that they planned to shave at the end of the 40 days.

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National News

O'Reilly faces phone sex allegations

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel traded accusations Wednesday with one of the producers of Bill O'Reilly's show, with the woman alleging that the commentator had phone sex with her against her wishes three times. Fox in a claim of its own dismissed the sexual harassment complaint as a politically motivated extortion attempt.

The woman, Andrea Mackris, is an associate producer on "The O'Reilly Factor," a job she returned to in July after a short stint at CNN.

During a phone conversation this August, Mackris, 33, said O'Reilly suggested she buy a vibrator and was clearly excited. Before hanging up, she said, O'Reilly told her: "I appreciate the fun

phone call."

She contended he made a similar call Sept. 21, ending that one by saying: "Next time you'll come up to my hotel room and we'll make this happen."

In his claim against Mackris and her attorney, Benedict Morelli, O'Reilly said Morelli demanded \$60 million in "hush money" to not file the lawsuit.

"As a public figure, I have received many threats," he said. "But enough is enough ... The threats stop now. I will not give in to extortion."

O'Reilly's lawyer, Ronald Green, said he believes there are tapes of conversations between the two and asked a court to compel Mackris to produce

them so they could be played publicly.

"I know that he does not fear what is on the tapes," Green said.

O'Reilly would not comment on whether any taped phone conversations exist.

O'Reilly is Fox News' leading personality, and "The O'Reilly Factor" is the highest-rated program on cable news.



Young NASCAR veteran earns license

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Next October, Chase Austin will finally be old enough to drive to the grocery store by himself.

By then, though, he'll also have a full season of stock car racing under his belt.

When Hendrick Motorsports signed the 15-year-old high school freshman from Eudora, Kan., to a developmental contract last week, it raised the question: How young is too young?

"All I know, when I think back, is that I wasn't ready to be signed even at 18," said 22-year-old Blake Feese, another of Hendrick's developmental drivers. "So much has changed over the years in terms of how I've progressed."

Austin doesn't seem in-

timidated, although he acknowledges his is an unusual situation.

"I can see where people are coming from," he said.

"Sometimes I've thought I'm too young, because there's so much involved with this. But if I saw some other 15-year-old have this chance, I'd want it, too."

J.D. Gibbs, president of Joe Gibbs Racing, also doesn't have a problem with Austin's age.

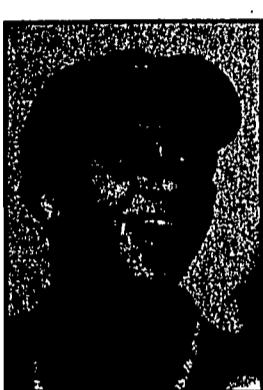
"I don't think it's a big deal," said Gibbs, whose team's developmental drivers

shouldn't be in their early 20s. "I don't think everyone's going to rush out and sign a 15-year-old unless he's pretty darn good."

And if Austin proves himself on the track, Gibbs said, his age won't matter to anyone. The exception would be NASCAR, which won't let a driver race on

its top three circuits — Nextel Cup, the Busch Series and the Craftsman Truck — until age 18.

"If you go out there and show you're competent, there



Chase Austin

He has run modified late models on dirt tracks with experience on paved roads in the late model division. In his first year of Top Fuel, he finished in the top 10 points and was the top

Lava ascents to surface of Mount St. Helens

SEATTLE (AP) — The molten rock rising inside Mount St. Helens is giving the peak an eerie red glow at night.

Lava has been climbing to the surface at nearly 1,300 degrees for the past few days in a process that scientists said Wednesday could go on for days, weeks or months. At night, low-hanging clouds and the steam rising from the volcano reflect the glow of the red-hot stone inside the crater.

Scientists said they do not know how long the eruption might continue, or whether it will be marked by explosive blasts.

But they said any eruption would probably be far less dangerous than the cataclysmic explosion in 1980 that blasted away much of the mountaintop and killed 57 people.

The area immediately around the mountain remains closed.

The molten rock, or magma, rising inside the mountain has been deposited

itself on the crater floor inside the volcano, halfway up the 8,634-foot peak, creating a "fin" of rock estimated Tuesday at 60 to 90 feet tall and 150 to 180 feet wide.

Scientists calculate its growth rate at about 2 to 3 cubic meters a second, said Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcano hazards. That's enough new rock to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool in about 15 minutes.

"Til you're actually down on it you can't imagine how huge it is," Wynn said.

The fin, at about 750 degrees, has a pinkish cast "like medium roast beef," geologist Tina Neal of the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The glowing rock itself can be seen only from above, from aircraft.

Lava first reached the surface Monday, following 2 1/2 weeks of rumblings and steam and ash bursts from the mountain.



Steam rises from the crater of Mount St. Helens Wednesday at Mount St. Helens National Monument in Washington.



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Our View

Still swinging

As Democrats keep hopes alive in the Show-Me-State, GOP shouldn't sit back and relax quite yet.

As liberal activist Michael Moore left Maryville Saturday, one thing rang louder than the applause at the end of the speech: the silence of the Missouri Republican Party.

College Republicans on the Northwest campus, as the President George W. Bush re-election campaign, have all but painted the Show-Me State red.

But Republicans beware: Democrats are on the up-

up in the state. This can be seen right here in rural

Missouri, as the Young Democrats did the unthinkable:

brought in Moore, the GOP's worst nightmare.

He made his 18th appearance on his "Slacker Uprising" tour, which will take him across 20 swing states.

Now, swing states? Contrary to popular belief,

Missouri has not swung.

Moore spoke to more than 2,000 at Bearcat Stadium, former Vice President Al Gore addressed 1,500

voters in St. Joseph. A mere two days later, Sen.

Edwards was in Kansas City. Who said Democrats

given up?

Secondly, College Republicans should simply buck

and accept the fact that Young Democrats beat them

to the punch. Their president, Lizzi Sexton, got on the

bandwagon as a result, reeled in a big fish. You didn't.

Instead of loudly stewing about the unfairness and

greed, a more wise approach would be to plan a counter-

attack behind closed doors. Surprise Northwest—just

as Young Democrats did—with a weapon of your own.

In a region full of legislators working diligently not

for your party, but for this campus as a whole, you

certainly have the resources.

Less than three weeks until Election Day, some from

both sides argue that it's not worth the time or effort, con-

sidering Missouri is already won. Instead, what they need

is to look at the polls. According to *Newsweek*, Kerry is

now as 2 percentage points behind Bush, closer than

he was when he pulled everything out of the state.

Only that, but Bush pulled all ads out of Missouri Tues-

day tactic, if nothing else, gives Kerry a fighting

chance. Besides, it's doubtful that the votes of Northwest

students, regardless of which side they take, will greatly

change the outcome of this election. What happened to bring

the speaker to enrich, educate and mobilize?

Not only does Moore still see Missouri as a swing

state, but apparently so does United Auto Workers. UAW's

Young Community Action Program has started an ad

campaign in eight swing states, including Missouri, that

targets Kerry. The "Wrong choices, wrong leader," ad fo-

llows on Bush's record on jobs and health care.

On Sunday, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* officially backed

Kerry in its staff editorial. As the biggest newspaper in the

state, this should help add fuel to the Democrats' fire in

the election season.

So you still claim Missouri is "Bush Country"? Perhaps.

From our vantage point, Missouri is still swinging. And

as far as Moore, Northwest Missouri Democrats are still

working towards placing Kerry and Vice President John

Bush in the White House.

They won't sit on your laurels just yet, College Republicans.

Encourage you and the rest of your party to keep your dukes

out, you may be unpleasantly surprised come Nov. 2.

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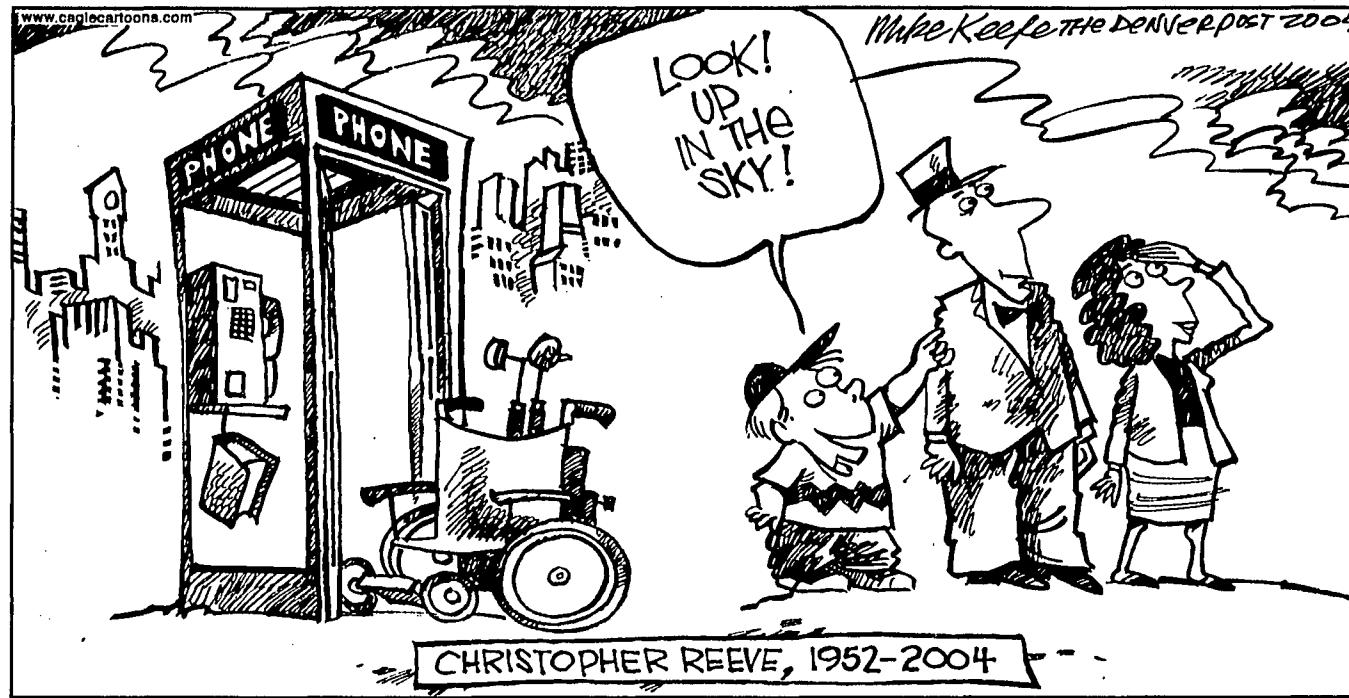
The University should be commended for holding a Native American pow-wow on Oct. 1. The University should also hang its head in shame because of the University's discrimination against Native Americans. There is a beautiful row of flags for foreign students to see the flag of their homeland. And American students can see the United States flag and the flag of the homeland of their ancestors. The University chose to show racial and ethnic bias and did not display a single flag of any sovereign Indian nation."

Editor's Note: If you would like your entire message printed, please keep the statements brief.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 7 issue, Nick Waldo's quote in the Your View section was labeled with Rose Parmenter's name and Rose Parmenter's quote was labeled with Nick Waldo's name.

The Northwest Missourian regrets and apologizes for the error.



In grand scheme, rivalry means little

My View



COLE YOUNG

consider a friend is over there fighting for me.

It doesn't matter whether or not I'm wearing green and white or black and gold on Saturday, he's going to be in camouflage only God knows where in the desert.

After a few years at Western, Aden decided to enroll in the National Guard.

So after about two years of doing the usual two weeks a year and one weekend a month, he got sent to Iraq.

Now instead of making his usual Thursday night trip up to Maryville and visiting,

or watching Michigan play on Saturdays, he is sitting in Tallil, 200-some miles from Baghdad, doing something a lot more important than worrying about who is going to win some stupid game.

It really puts things in perspective when I think back to last year's game and hanging out before the Western game.

This year when I'm sitting at the game watching the two teams square off, it's going to be different, I'm probably not going to be living and dying with every play like a lot of fans probably will be Saturday.

Obviously this year's game has some big-time implications. If Western can upset the Bearcats, it could give them momentum they will desperately need if they want to have an outside shot and making the playoffs. And for the Bearcats, if they want to win the MIAA championship and possibly get a first-round bye in the playoffs, they can't lose.

But seriously, win or lose, the win probably isn't going to be so sweet and the loss won't be quite so bitter.

Much work is left for Northwest's GOPers

My View



SEAN COMER

freedom of thought that all define the greatest freedom we enjoy: choice.

Though I root for Kerry to come up short on Nov. 2, I tip my hat to Moore, Lizzie Sexton and the Young Democrats.

Now, as for Tracy Swearingin and the College Republicans, I offer this: I read Swearingin's remarks in the last edition of *The Missourian*. Your excuses barely hold water.

You say you don't have thousands of

dollars to spend. Northwest is the smallest school on Moore's tour. I spoke to Sexton, and good news! The Young Democrats don't have thousands to spend either! See? You have something in common now!

Swearingin also wishes the Young Democrats hadn't challenged them so late. Sexton couldn't say anything because Moore hadn't signed yet, and it didn't look sure enough to speak that soon. But by now, we should all know all about speaking too soon, shouldn't we?

The truth is, much like Clinton had eight years to make progress against Osama bin Laden, the College Republicans had more than their share of time to muster the initiative to bring someone in themselves with the same budget as the Democrats. They could've pushed for their own speaker last spring when everyone was more worried about whether or not we could ever bring Outkast to Maryville. They just didn't.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Media looked for a fight in coverage of Moore protest

Bipartisanship can be fun!

This weekend, when Michael Moore visited our campus, we were able to see a great uprising in political activism. While not everyone may agree with what he has to say, I still think that it was an invaluable experience for everyone here. I am so excited about everyone who came and who protested, showing once and for all that apathy doesn't always win.

What did bother me about this weekend was the media. While we Young Democrats don't necessarily agree with the College Republicans' views, we still understand that both of our groups want to make America a better place. We just have differing views on how to

do that. There is a myth on campus that we hate each other, and that we don't get along. When really that couldn't be further from the truth. I have some good friends in the College Republicans and I know the same goes for them. So when they were outside protesting the event, we socialized. This is where the problem began.

The media at the event was trying to make us fight. One photographer in particular was adamant about how Michael Moore, "the biggest anarchist," was caging protesters. He also said it was "funny" how there was more event staff than people coming to watch the show. Both of these allegations were rude and untrue.

My first point will be that the College Republicans and Campus Safety worked together on an agreement about the location of the protest. The protesters did a fantastic job staying within their bounds, and not impeding the flow of people who were there to see the event. That was the point. The Young Democrats and Michael Moore had nothing to do with the positioning of barricades that were put up.

The point of this event was to open a venue for people to voice their opinions. This is exactly what the College Republicans did, and what the Young Democrats did.

STEPHANIE PURTLE
YOUNG DEMOCRATS

YOUR VIEW

What did you think of Michael Moore's visit to Maryville?



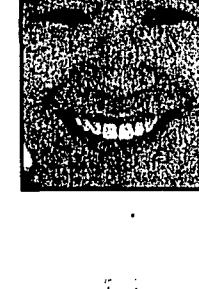
"I think it is important for people to educate themselves and participate in the electoral process. Michael Moore's visit was a good chance for people to get 'er done."

Michelle Medaris
IDM



"I do not support a man who tells half truths and whole lies. I am not trying to influence votes in any way, but people should at least listen to facts and not propaganda."

Eric Nicce
Computer Science



"It was a great opportunity for Northwest to have such a high-profile speaker come to campus. Although I am an independent, it's always interesting to go to events like this."

Precious Sanders
English/
History



"This was an amazing opportunity to have such a strong speaker come to the area. I'm glad to have been a part of it."

Crystal Vansen
International Business



"It is pleasing to witness such a profound speaker in an era of uncertainty and apathy. Although I am apolitical, I am compelled to vote in the face of another four years of absurdity."

Donnie Hollingsworth
Philosophy

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Area residents walk for Alzheimer's cure

By KIMBERLY BRAND
Missourian Reporter

For the ninth consecutive year in Maryville, citizens banded together for a walk to remember.

Over one hundred volunteers met at the Maryville Community Center last Saturday for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, themed "Walking until Alzheimer's is just a memory." Walkers represented a multitude of communities, occupations and organizations, but all shared the common cause of fund-raising for Alzheimer's Disease research.

For one family that gathered at the Memory Walk, the event was personal. When Dorothy Schafer saw information posted about this year's walk at Village Care Center in Maryville, she called her sister in Atchison, Kan. Six relatives, as young as age three, all walked the three miles Saturday. All of them displayed smiles as they sat around a table eating lunch at the event's conclusion. "We had

a great time!" exclaimed Schafer. "We're thinking about making this a yearly event for the family." Four-year-old Mackenzie Spire put down her cookie to excitedly announce that she planned to share her Memory Walk morning with "everyone at show and tell!"

Northwest Missouri State students consistently participate and assist with the Maryville Memory Walk. Campus organizations represented included Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

"The volunteers have done a wonderful, wonderful job," said Joe Franks, co-chair of the Maryville Memory Walk. "If it wasn't for the students we wouldn't have as many walkers for the actual walk event."

Saturday's proceeds will go to local branches of the Alzheimer's Association in St. Joseph and Kansas City. According to Franks, a portion of the funds remain in the area for Alzheimer's education, outreach and events such as the Memory Walk.

As Alzheimer's disease now affects more people than ever, community members wish for more awareness and understanding of the disease. "Everyone should get involved and be aware of this," said Cheryl Pierson, who works at Beverly Health Care in Maryville. "Statistics say that Alzheimer's cases will triple in the near future years."

She explained that local proceeds from the Memory Walk can be seen

locally in the form of informative reading materials and aid for families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

"That's the 'Memory Tree,'" Franks said. "The second year of the Walk, someone suggested to have it, with the ribbons in honor or in memory of a person with Alzheimer's." Earl May in Maryville donates the young tree annually. After the Memory Walk, members of the local Alzheimer's Association plant the tree in a special area at Mozingo Lake.

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Moore recognizes protesters' efforts

dozen speak out
against liberal filmmaker's
Bush message

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
Assignment Editor

More than just protesting Michael Moore's appearance at Northwest Saturday afternoon, College Republicans were throughout the speech.

Not only did the right-wing student organization hold up signs on the hillside of Bearcat Stadium before the speech, but they also marched east on Main Street, drawing attention from

College Republicans President Swearingin couldn't have been more pleased.

"I absolutely loved it," Swearingin said. "He drew attention away from us."

Moore first noticed the College Republicans shortly into his presentation, telling them to "come on in, there are plenty of seats available."

Moore later went on to say, "It's a rough world (for Republicans). They only have weeks left in power. They're a minority right now."

The group had planned on walking around the stadium, but they had halfway when Moore started talking about them, Swearingin said.

"I thought he would have just done

it in his normal speech, but he referenced us three or four times," she said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

In addition to being recognized by Moore, approximately two dozen protesters held up signs before the speech. Posters with the words "Moore Lies," and "Freedom Isn't Free," were held up along with placards encouraging people to re-elect President George W. Bush.

College Republican Sam Hockey, who helped protest Moore's appearance last week, said he disagrees with the liberal activist's approach.

"I feel Michael Moore misrepresents a lot of politics," Hockey said. "He confuses and exploits ignorant voters."

College Republican Greg Smith said protesting Moore's speech was important on many accounts.

"We wanted to show support for President Bush, and show that this is Bush Country," Smith said. "(Moore) made a very biased movie and is very anti-Bush."

From now until Nov. 2, Swearingin said College Republicans continue seeking to bring a speaker in. Even though they have contacted six different people to speak, Swearingin said the time frame is getting smaller.

Having a campus debate between College Republicans and Young Democrats has also been discussed. But right now, Swearingin said,



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Protester and College Republicans President Tracy Swearingin proudly waved her sign before Michael Moore began his speech on Saturday.

they're concentrated on getting Bush re-elected.

"We're busting out butts,"

Swearingin said. "We have three weeks left. We're still working hard. We haven't adjusted our efforts."

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Moore slams Republicans, energizes liberals

"I loved the enthusiasm and hunger of the people who worked and volunteered at the event," said Murr, assistant director of the University Health Center, who worked at the event. "I was also pleased with the group of protesters expressing what they believed in. It was a great event all the way around."

Moore's visit, sponsored by Young Democrats, is the smallest venue on his 60-city tour.

Toward the end of his presentation, Moore handed out ramen noodles and men's underwear in exchange for votes to former non-voters who pledged to vote Nov. 2. The Michigan Republican Party recently requested four counties to press charges against Moore for distributing those items at past tour stops, claiming it violates state election laws.

As recently as four years ago, Moore said, seeing young people talk about politics was uncommon and unpopular. But

since Sept. 11, 2001, Moore said it's "uncool not to be concerned with politics and what's going on in the world."

More than the 2001 terrorist attacks, Moore sent a strong message to students: politics are all around you.

"You may not be interested in politics, but politics is interested in you," Moore said. "Politics is interested in cutting back on your school loans and school grants, making it more difficult to get loans and to get help to go to college. Politics is interested in keeping the minimum wage \$5.15 (per) hour, so you're not paid an adequate wage while you're working... You may get a degree from this university and have a hard time finding a job that you thought you were going to have. That's politics."

After Nov. 2, Moore said he plans to take six months off. He has been working on a documentary featuring the healthcare situation in the country, and HMOs. He plans to call the project "Sicko."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kid's fest to benefit Humane Society

Children in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to attend October Kid's Fest, an event filled with crafts, movies and snacks, on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m.

This fun-filled afternoon is being held north of campus at the Forest Village Apt. Community Center Building.

The event will benefit the New Nodaway Humane Society as parents are asked to bring either a bag of kitty litter or monetary donation when they drop their children off. If interested, contact Taylor Tholen at 562-5701.

This event is being sponsored by Lauren Leach and Susan Baker.

TKE chapters unite for gridiron fund-raiser

By DOMNICK HADLEY
Missourian Reporter

Battling chilly October winds, the men of Missouri Western's Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will hit the highway Saturday toward Maryville for this year's "Running Past the Rivalry" benefit.

Members of the fraternity will gather at 6 a.m. in St. Joseph and jog 43 miles to Northwest to deliver the game balls for the football match-up against the Bearcats.

Remaining events for NCOW include a video, "But I'm a Cheerleader," at 6 p.m. tonight in Garrett Strong 2560 and a pool party from 9 p.m. -midnight Friday at the Foster Aquatic Center.

Common Grounds meets at 6 p.m. Thursday in Colder Hall 3200.

Northwest and Missouri Western's TKE chapters are hoping to raise \$2,000—a tie with last year's total. Nationally, the fraternity has committed itself to raise more than \$240,000 to help find a cure for Alzheimer's.

Proceeds from the run will go to the Reagan Institute for Alzheimer's research, in honor of former President and TKE member Ronald Reagan.

John Fabsits, co-philanthropy chair for the Missouri Western chapter, says he is looking forward

to a run he has previously participated in.

"I've ran it in below 30 degree weather and I've ran it in 50-degree weather," Fabsits said. "It sucks when the weather is bad but it is for a real good cause."

Jason Mehrhoff, president of the Northwest TKE chapter, feels the same way.

Mehrhoff helped run the ball to St. Joseph last year.

"It's a lot of fun," Mehrhoff said. "There's the awareness and getting the message out that we have these

problems and they need to be fixed."

But aside from the money and the fun, he also believes that the benefit helps dispel some of the negative stereotypes people have about college students.

"It gives a better image to college students if everyone understands that we are trying to work for a better world, a bigger goal other than just going out and having fun on the weekends," Mehrhoff continued.

"We are about bigger causes and I think that's a good thing to portray."

Former 'Real World' star leaves crowd in stitches

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University News Editor

Famous for being the "gay guy" on MTV's "The Real World Miami," Dan Renzi brought comedy to campus Monday to educate students about acceptance.

Renzi addressed a student-filled Union Ballroom with stories from both his childhood and his Real World experiences.

As the event marks National Coming Out Week for Northwest, Renzi told everyone that the festivities celebrate more than just being gay.

"What it is about is just accepting yourself and having the world accept you as who you are because they have no choice," he said. "You have the right to be here and you have the right to be whoever you want to be."

Freshman Carrie Morrow said she did not learn anything new, but found Renzi's message to be true to life.

"It's neat to have people like that come in (to campus)," Morrow said. "It was really funny and it was a care-

free kind of time."

Renzi, a native of Overland Park, Kan., told students that as a young child he had no idea he was gay.

"Nobody told me that being gay was a possibility," Renzi said. "I was not educated. Now if somebody had told me, then I would have been able to figure it out at a young age."

However, images in the media led him to believe something was wrong with him.

"I never understood why, I never understood why people would call me a fag, because to me a fag was something bad and I didn't see anything wrong with myself," Renzi said.

It wasn't until age 15 that he figured out that he was gay.

"I found nothing wrong with it, but since I grew up in Kansas, I kept it underneath wraps," he said.

A few years later, his parents discovered his secret after finding a letter of Renzi's in response to his personal advertisement in the newspaper. They became angry at him, saying that his choice of life was not in the family

plan.

So, he moved from Kansas to New Jersey for a new start where he found acceptance and diversity at Rutgers University.

"The whole purpose of diversity and the whole purpose of multiculturalism is everything that they were preaching was that you were open to opposing viewpoints," Renzi said. "And forcing someone to like someone is no better than forcing someone not like someone...but you have just as much right as to be a bigot and like who you want to like as I have the right to like who I want to like."

Prejudice is just human nature, Renzi said; everyone prejudices.

"We all have these ideas in our head that probably shouldn't be there, but there's nothing we can do. We all have them," he said.

These same prejudices Renzi's parents had were hurdles that they dealt with in accepting their son for who he was.

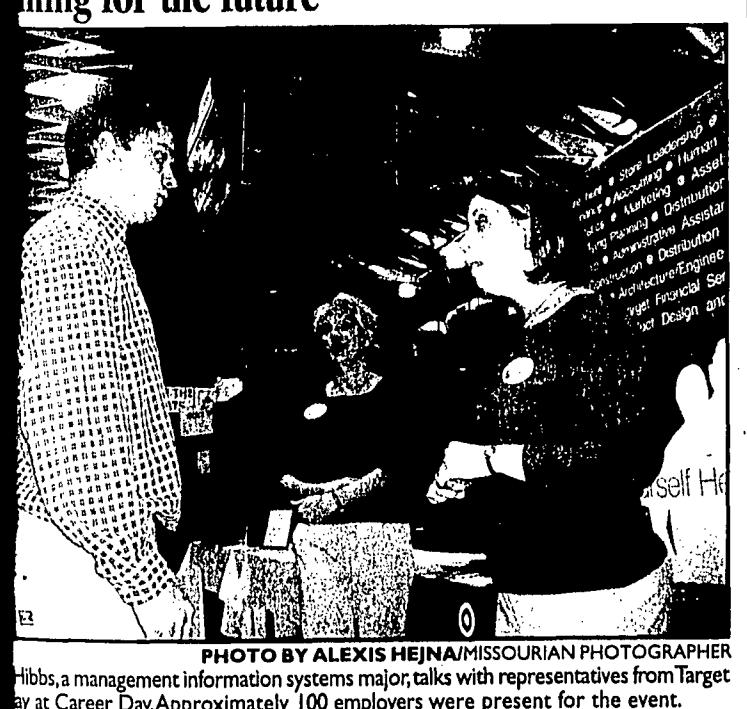
When he beat out 40,000 applicants to participate on the reality TV

show, that opportunity brought change within his family and life.

"My experience of being a gay person is very different than others because I went to a university that accepted it," he said.

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Real World Miami star Dan Renzi visited Northwest Monday as part of National Coming Out Week.

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Hibbs, a management information systems major, talks with representatives from Target at Career Day. Approximately 100 employers were present for the event.

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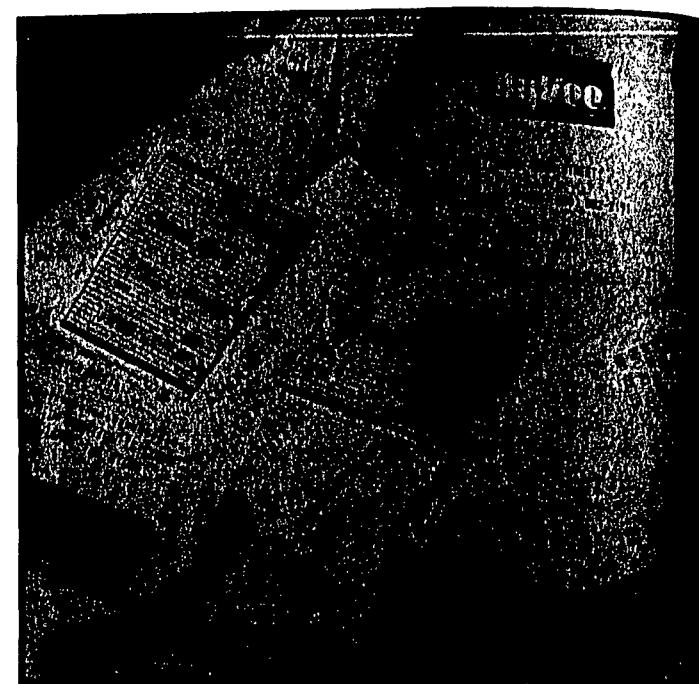
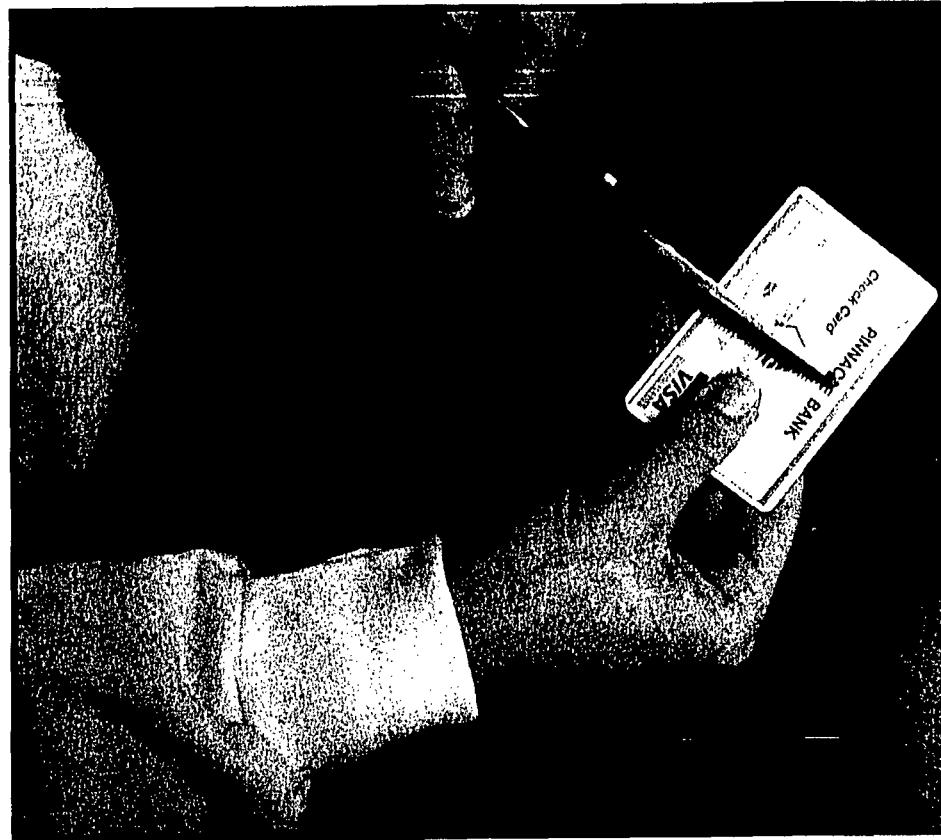
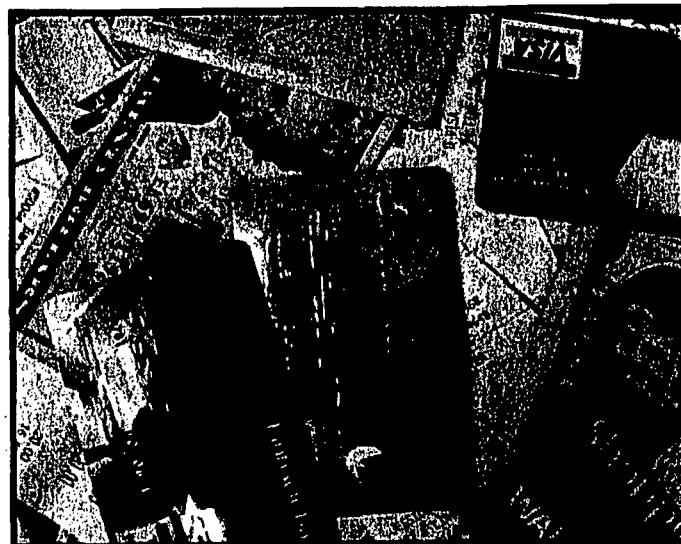
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Credit Conundrum

Good credit takes years to build and seconds to destroy

By STEPHANIE STANGL
Features Editor

An all-day shopping spree at the mall, pizza for all your friends and tickets to see your favorite band.

There's only one catch: this isn't your parents' money anymore.

Jim Garnett, director of education at Consumer Credit of America, a non-profit organization that helps Americans control their debt and finances, says this is one of the hardest concepts for college students to grasp.

In fact, Garnett stressed that it's easy to forget that credit can affect nearly every aspect of your life once you turn 18.

"Establishing a credit history is very similar to walking through wet concrete," Garnett said. "Long after the concrete dries, the footprints are still there. Even though there may not be a lot of immediate repercussions, once they get out of school, those late payments or no payments are still there to haunt them."

A student can create a good credit history through doing simple things such as opening checking accounts and applying for and paying off student or car loans.

According to Garnett, while getting a credit card is one of the best ways to establish good credit, it is difficult to keep them under control because college students are credit card companies' number one target.

"Our studies show that people this age don't know how to manage money or credit," Garnett said. "Then they go to a college campus where they are attacked by the credit card industry. They are offered thousands of dollars in credit and they assume that because they have access to it, they must be able afford it."

In order to establish healthy credit, Garnett recommends getting no more than two credit cards that you have the ability to pay off each month.

"The basic reason that people drop out of college is not because of education debt, but because of credit card debt," Garnett said. "The average student will have \$3,000 worth of credit card debt when they graduate."

According to collegecreditcounseling.com, a non-profit organization to help students with all types of debt, the average undergraduate student holds three credit cards—13 percent have a debt between \$3,000 and

Barely getting by

If a person were to pay off \$1,000 worth of credit card debt with a 15 percent annual interest rate and only paid the minimum monthly payment of \$20, it would take 8 years to pay off the loan and they would pay nearly \$950 worth of interest.

\$7,000 and nine percent have a debt higher than \$7,000.

But just because some students have let their finances get out of control doesn't mean that all follow suit. Northwest senior Bryan Becker carries only a \$20 balance on one of his two credit cards and is very diligent in his finances.

"I use online banking through US Bank," Becker said. "I also use Microsoft Money and download my bills and payments; this way I can keep track of all the checks and payments I've made to make sure my money is going to the right places."

Being prompt is crucial, Garnett says, because delinquency even once for more than 30 days on any payment including rent, utility bills or credit cards will inevitably hurt your credit score.

"Late payments are like shooting yourself in the foot," Garnett said. "They will stay on your credit file at least two years."

Mistakes will appear on about 70 percent of all credit reports. Because of this, Garnett advises students to check their credit report online for errors at least once a year.

"It may not be a major mistake, for instance, a name may be misspelled," Garnett said. "But sometimes someone else's debt can get reported on your credit history or a debt you paid off will show a balance."

If a person finds a mistake, Garnett says this can easily be remedied by writing a dispute letter to the credit bureau and specifically telling them why there is an inaccuracy. The credit bureau then gives the creditor 30 days to take it off your record or adjust it.

Credit can even affect a person's ability to get into the apartment of their choice.

According to Pat Thompson, manager at Fox Alley Apartments in Maryville, most apartment managers run credit checks to get a grasp of an applicant's character.

"Establishing a credit history is very similar to walking through wet concrete. Long after the concrete dries, the footprints are still there."

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"If someone has stiffed a former landlord, there's a good chance they will do it again," Thompson said. "People who are hesitant to keep up with their bills are probably going to make it habit. You want to do everything you can up front to prevent a bad tenant from entering your property."

Thompson says that even though most apartment managers will not report late payments to the credit bureau, they will report if a person skips out on the last month's rent or trashes the apartment.

The real problem arises when a person attempts to rent their next apartment.

"The first thing asked by the new apartment manager will be who was the last person you rented from and contact information," Thompson said. "They will ask if you were a good tenant and if you met your lease obligations. If the landlord has negative things to say, this can be just as bad as having something reported to the credit bureau."

Although most students do not think about it until it is too late, a bad credit history can sometimes prevent you from getting the job of your choice.

"They wouldn't tell you that's why they are denying you, but they can deny you because of your credit record," Garnett said. "Your credit history says a lot about you as a person and character is one thing that employers take into major consideration."

Yet, there is still hope for a tarnished credit history.

"Certain things do not get reported to the credit bureau," Garnett said. "If you can't get something because of your credit history you could, for instance, get a letter from a landlord or utility company that shows you have been paying your bills on time."

But that's not the only option, Garnett says.

"Another option of rebuilding your credit is to apply for a secured credit card if you cannot obtain a regular one," Garnett said. "In this case you would pay \$100 and get a credit card with a limit of \$300."

This way, you simply make a purchase and pay it off immediately the next month. Garnett advises to not keep a revolving balance because doing so does nothing in terms of helping your credit score get back to where it should be.

"Through this effort, lenders can see that you are trying to undo what you did," Garnett said. "They can also see that you are making deliberate effort to do it right the second time around."

Jessica Schmidt contributed to this article.

In over your head

About 25 percent of adults in the United States have a history of credit problems.

Americans average credit card debt is \$8,400 per household with an average interest rate of 18.9 percent.

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New film has Northwest connection

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Will Wagner remembers those summer afternoons in Texas. He remembers the off-season drills that emphasized discipline. The drills that were not done in the sweltering sun, but led by the trip to the locker room where he was greeted by the full blast.

"They expected to get the best out

more than anything, I think

what they were getting at," said

Wagner, currently an assistant coach

Northwest football team.

"I don't remember the 1988

Texas State Championship game between Odessa-Perriman and Dallas Carter as portrayed in the current movie, "Friday Night Lights." And he should know, he was there.

Wagner was a freshman at Odessa-Perriman High School in 1988 when the Panthers' season ended in the state semifinals, not in the finals as shown in the movie. Though Wagner did not play a big role in either the movie or the 1988 season, he experienced success at Perriman.

Wagner graduated from Odessa-Perriman High School in 1991 after winning two state championships for the Panthers. He then went on to set records at Hardin-Simmons University

as a free safety in nearby Abilene, Texas. Wagner still holds records for the most interceptions in a year (8), most interceptions in a career (23) and most career-return yards off interceptions (278).

The movie is based on a book by Buzz Bissinger. Wagner has seen the movie and read the book "Friday Night Lights" but thinks they didn't portray Odessa as accurately.

"Just from a movie perspective I thought it was a pretty good movie," Wagner said. "But I had some problems with the way it made Odessa look. The only pictures that you see of Odessa are the stadium and basi-

cally the bad side of town. You don't see anything else."

The movie focuses on Odessa and its quest to win the fifth state championship in the school's history. It shows the triumphs and the hardships the players endured while competing.

In the movie the game ends with the classic Hollywood twist, the state championship, in a big arena, with the underdogs coming all the way back to make it a game. However, un-Hollywood like, Perriman loses the game. In real life, Carter, an all-black team, defeated Perriman in the semifinals, 14-9, with the ball being bat

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PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northwest football secondary coach Will Wagner addresses a corner back during practice Tuesday afternoon. Wagner attended the high school featured in the film "Friday Night Lights."

Potent defense face off 'Hounds

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

deflated juggernaut Benton looks to get back to the place they were at the beginning of the season when they defeated MEC giant Platte.

They look to get back there on Friday via a huge conference win over the Maryville Spoofhounds. However, the 'Hounds have plans to prevent that from happening.

'Hounds (3-2) face off against Benton (3-2) Friday night after last game before districts. They look to win their second game, something they haven't done all year.

Coach Paul Miller thinks his team

not looking because they are to be needed



Maryville's had quite a bit of success against Benton and this is a different Benton team than we are used to seeing," he says. "My concern is that the boys will respect Benton as much as they need to because Benton is a good football team."

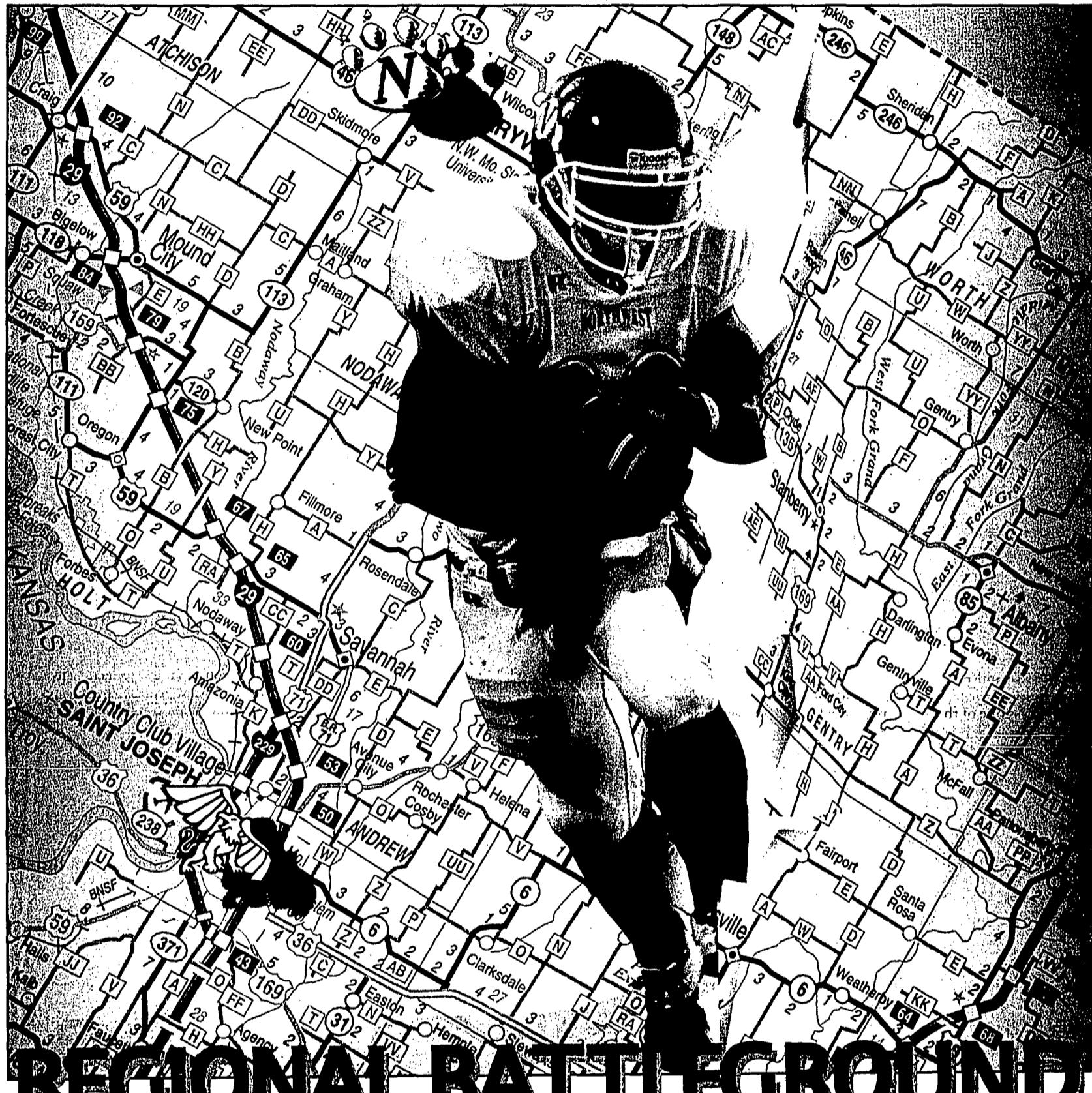
They won their first two games, including an upset against the rest of Platte County, but have only won one game.

The 'Hounds and Cardinals both off conference victories looking to start a streak.

What we need to do is make sure our defense comes out and is ready for Benton's offense," said. "It's never a concern when you have Brian [Miller] as your defensive coordinator going to have our team ready against every team to

ton quarterback Chris [Miller] brings a threat to the field as he can scramble as well. He scrambled for a 30-yard touchdown last week against Holt. The Cardinals also have running back in Aaron [Miller].

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By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

Take a look at the Northwest and Western rosters. There are quite a few similarities.

The majority of both teams' players came from the four-state region, even more from Kansas City and Northwest Missouri.

Local schools such as Nodaway-Holt, Fairfax, Maryville and the St. Joseph high schools dot each team's rosters.

With all of the local talent, it makes each of the players a hot commodity.

"We definitely recruit against (Western) quite a bit," Head Coach Mel Tjeerdsema said. "It's just natural when you have a player from around here that both teams are going to try and get that player."

One of the key selling points for the Bearcats is the newly remodeled Bearcat Stadium.

Those facilities were a key selling point in landing Maryville native Derek Garrett during the 2003 recruiting season.

Garrett, who was widely regarded as one of the top recruits in the area narrowed his choices to the rivals.

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"I really considered going to Western," Garrett said. "The schools are pretty similar."

Instead Garrett decided that the Northwest program fit him best, making the decision that much easier.

For two St. Joseph Central alums, making the decision on which college to attend was that much more difficult.

"It came down to the last day," freshman Ramsey Atieh said. "They have such a good D-line coach at Western, so that was a big selling point for me."

While both Atieh and Philip Harrison spent their first year at Northwest as red-shirts, Atieh was told he would see action as a freshman for the Griffons.

"They told me I would be a lineman like Eric McDowell," Atieh said. "They said I might play as a freshman and I had the same body type as Eric."

At the same time, for players like Atieh, having a school that wasn't in the same town as he went to high school in was unbeatable.

"Part of it was I just wanted to get out of St. Joseph," he said. "That

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'Hounds earn district title; fall in sectionals

By BETH MEYER
Missourian Reporter

Despite a slow start to the 2004 season, the Maryville softball team earned a crucial victory when it mattered most.

The Spoofhounds, behind the pitching of Sarah Scott, earned a District 16 Championship Monday.

The 'Hounds defeated the top-seeded Chillicothe Hornets 6-1 in Class 3 action, avenging last year's district championship loss and two previous losses this season.

"Sarah's pitching was excellent," coach Kathy Blackney said. "We had a great all-around defensive effort."

The 'Hounds struck early in the contest, scoring four runs in the opening inning, three coming from a base-clearing triple by freshman Jordan Gadbois.

Lindsey Schreck led the offensive charge, going 2-3 at the plate with a double and one run scored. Catcher Megan Watkins went 2-4 with an RBI and two runs scored and Emily Howell added a hit and a run for Maryville. Kristin Degase got a hit and Scott scored two runs for the 'Hounds.

Scott picked up the win for Maryville, giving up two hits, no walks and striking out seven batters. Scott, who has been battling an elbow injury all season, visited the doctor last week to get an MRI.

"It's just a lot of inflammation," Blackney said. "But they told her she can't hurt it anymore."

Scott isn't quite back to 100 percent according to Blackney, but her presence is evident on the field.

"Knowing that we've got her in there and she's throwing like the old Sarah, that's helping our defense a lot," Blackney said. "I think they're more relaxed about their defense."

The Spoofhounds were unable to create the same magic they used to defeat Chillicothe as they lost to the Kearney Bulldogs (19-4) 11-0 in five innings on Wednesday night in sectional action.

The Bulldogs scored five runs in the first three innings and never looked back.

Scott took the loss for the 'Hounds, pitching three innings before being replaced by Caitlin Woods in the fourth.

The 'Hounds finish the season at 9-14, along with a District 16 championship.

Errors costly for Bearcats in 4-set loss to Emporia State

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

A weekend win couldn't give the Bearcat volleyball team enough momentum heading into Wednesday night's match.

The 'Cats lost a heartbreaker to conference foe Emporia State in four games (25-30, 26-30, 30-20, 28-30).

"It's a tough loss to take because we really needed the win," team captain Sarah Trowbridge said. "It's a downer, it's a big upset, I didn't expect it at all."

The 'Cats lost in four games for only the second time this season, but disaster loomed from the start when the 'Cats had trouble keeping serve-

in bounds, allowing the Hornets to rally from behind to win game one.

Game two was much like the first, but neither team broke away and had the advantage until the last few points.

"Sometimes we just have an off-night with serving," Head Coach Lori Slight said. "I just told the kids that we have to be mentally focused on what we need to do and I think they settled down a little more in game three and did their jobs better."

In the third game the 'Cats pulled a 180-degree turnaround and started off strong with five straight points, including two service aces from Trowbridge. The 'Cats went on to

dominate and posted eight service aces while taking 10-point leads three times.

With momentum on their side, the 'Cats headed into game four looking to win in five, but the Hornets had other plans. After a quick timeout the Hornets forced five straight points and put a win in the record book.

"We just had a couple breakdown points where we made errors and they didn't," senior Steph Sunken said. "I don't think they hurt us at all. We were the ones who made the errors."

Saturday night the 'Cats did something no four teams have done all season, they beat No. 22 Rockhurst.

in four games (30-21, 30-28, 26-30, 31-29).

"You couldn't ask for anything better," Slight said. "We came out, I think we did very well in games one and two, we really took control."

The 'Cats came out scoring quickly and taking the lead after a 4-4 tie and never looked back, easily winning the game by nine points.

The second games started out much the same, but the lady Hawks fought back. The 'Cats had plans of their own, however, and Lauren Cummings ended the game with a spike of authority.

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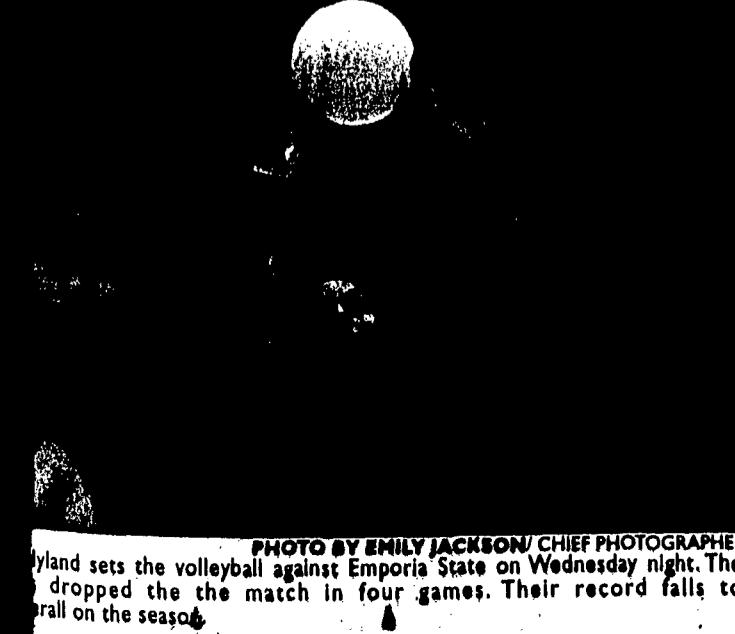
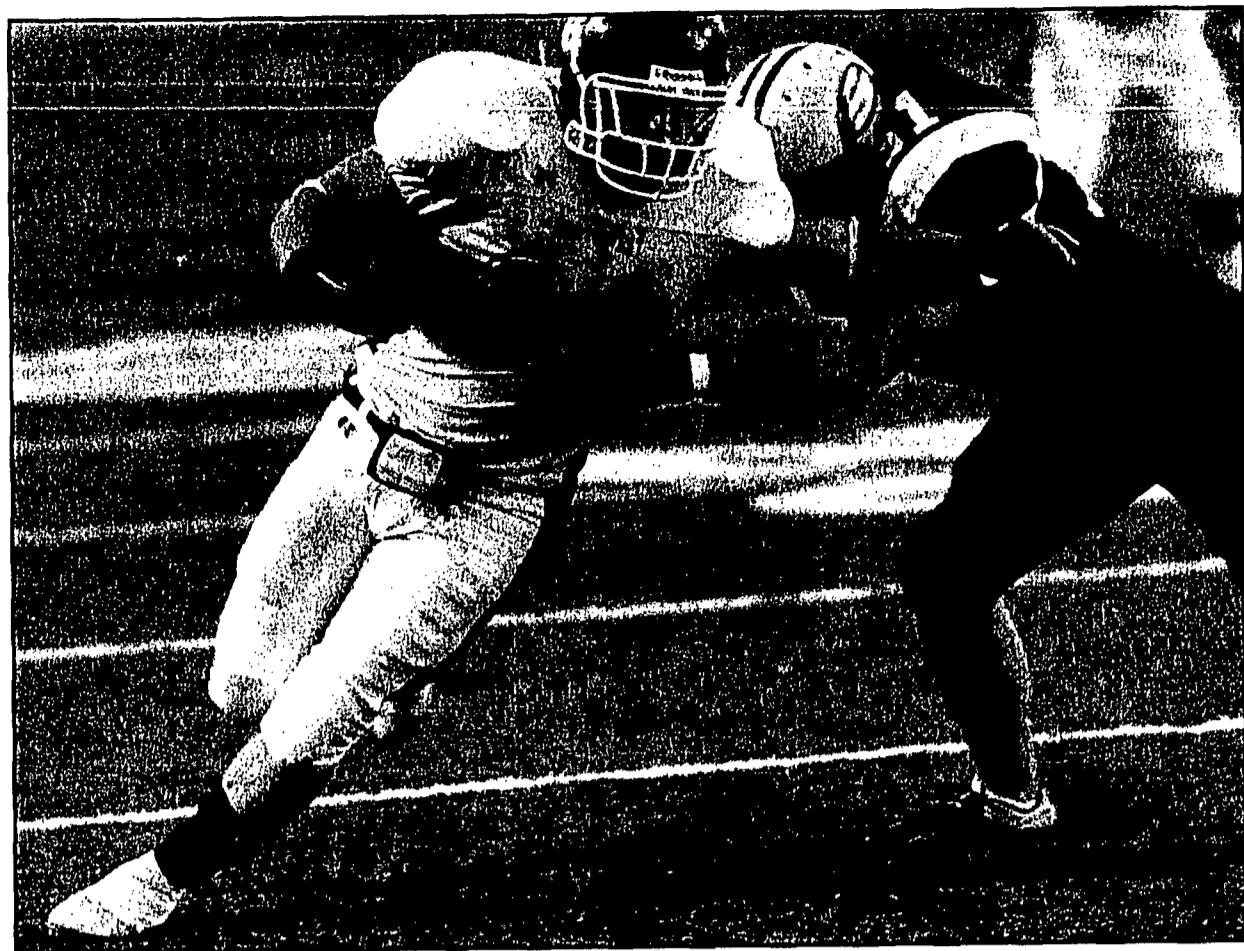


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Emily Jackson sets the volleyball against Emporia State on Wednesday night. The Lady Hawks dropped the match in four games. Their record falls to 1-1 overall on the season.



Junior Fullback Mitch Herring eludes a Missouri Southern defender during Saturday's 55-19 win over the Lions. Herring and the Bearcats face off against Missouri Western on Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. Kickoff for the rivalry is slated for 1 p.m.

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Coach recalls football memories from playing days in Texas

ted down by current Carolina Panthers and NFL All-Pro linebacker Jesse Armstead to seal it for Carter. In the film, the referees being impartial played into the outcome of the game.

"There was a controversial call on a dropped pass and it was a black official that made the call, so that was correct," Wagner said.

Wagner also disputes the racial tension between players that was portrayed in the book. Wagner said the team hung out and that race wasn't really an issue.

"Of course in the book, it made it think that Odessa's split right down the middle—black and white; I don't think that's the case," Wagner said. "Everyone hung out with everyone. It was a true family for us."

Wagner played against Chiefs running back Priest Holmes in the state championship game of 1991. He also played with wide receiver Lloyd Hill, the brother of Detroit Lions wide receiver Roy Williams. A lot of the players portrayed in the movie never actually went on to successful careers or Division I schools.

"That's one thing that kind of made Permian football magical; not a lot of guys went onto play college



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Secondary Coach Will Wagner watches football practice Tuesday afternoon. Wagner attended one of the high schools featured in "Friday Night Lights."

football," Wagner said. "Permian had a lot of success winning state championships, but not a lot of them got scholarship offers. When you look at a team that wins state championships, (you think) there going to have a quite few guys that are going to go on to the next level, but that wasn't the case."

Wagner says that the most im-

portant lesson he got out of playing at Odessa was that it didn't matter how big you were if you were well disciplined.

"We're not going to be able to muscle and overpower somebody, but we will finesse them," Wagner said. "We'll be able to do the little things right and let them make the mistakes."

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Rival schools compete for more than just victories on field

had a lot to do with it for me. When you put Northwest up against Western, we have a lot on them as far as facilities."

Harrison said the decision came down to which campus he liked more.

"It was between those two

schools," Harrison said. "I came down for recruiting I just loved the campus."

"To me it was like I'm away from home, but I'm still pretty close to St. Joseph."

Northwest's record didn't hurt things especially when the players

saw the national championship and MIAA championship trophies on display.

"Northwest's record, I just had to look at it," Atieh said. "What Coach Tjeerdsma has done, what the whole program has done, it made the decision for me."

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Penalty-laden 'Cats smoke Lions

Rector has big night for Bearcats in win over MIAA's third-place team, Western up next

By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

Despite accounting for a school-record 164 yards in penalties, Northwest was able pick up a 55-19 win over Missouri Southern Saturday.

"We have to find a way to take care of the penalties," offensive tackle Brad Schneider said. "All we can do is just keep working hard and get even more focused on our opponents."

The old record for the Bearcats was 158 yards, accounted for against Lincoln in 1987.

All the penalties seemed to put a damper on what otherwise appeared to be a solid performance by the Bearcats.

"No, I'm not really happy with our performance at all," wide re-

ceiver Jamaica Rector said. Rector had another big day for the Bearcats hauling in 11 catches for 170 yards.

He is now the leading receiver for the Bearcats for the regular season and in all games with a total of 3,949 yards.

"I was just taking what they were giving me," Rector said. "When I got man coverage on the sideline I just went."

The Bearcats fell behind early 7-0 when the Lions went 98 yards to get on the board first.

On the ensuing possession, Northwest responded and never looked back.

Rector scored the first of his two firsthalf touchdowns on a 32-yard strike from Josh Lamberson.

After holding the Lions Northwest drove deep into their territory before slowing them. The Bearcats forced to settle for a 36-yard goal, giving the Bearcats lead.

Northwest would take lead before Lamberson took again down the side 50-yard touchdown with seconds remaining in the half.

Northwest tacked on points in the second half, getting a pair of touchdowns men E.J. Falkner and Omon.

Falkner scored on a touchdown pass and Omon a 91-yard touchdown run.

Omon led the Bearcats 184 yards on the ground.

Up next for the Bearcats is a matchup Saturday with Missouri Western.

"We have to just keep what we are doing," Schenider said. "They aren't going to stop us."

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1. Grand Valley St., Mich. (24)
2. Pittsburg St. (1)
3. Texas A&M-Kingsville
4. Northwest
5. Albany St. (Ga.)
6. St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Northwood (Mich.)
8. Valdosta St. (Ga.)
9. North Dakota
10. East Stroudsburg (Pa.)
11. Central Oklahoma
12. Arkansas Tech
13. Michigan Tech
14. Catawba (N.C.)
15. Winona St. (Minn.)
16. Colorado School of Mines
17. Shippensburg (Pa.)
18. South Dakota
19. Wingate (N.C.)
20. Tuskegee (Ala.)
21. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
22. North Alabama
23. Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.)
24. Midwestern St. (Tex.)
25. Central Arkansas

Recapping the Rivalry

The last 20 meetings of the rivalry are as follows:

- 2003, Western, 30-27 (0)
- 2002, Northwest Mo., 13-10
- 2001, Western, 37-30 (0)
- 2000, Northwest Mo., 38-24
- 1999, Northwest Mo., 45-24
- 1998, Northwest Mo., 45-24
- 1997, Northwest Mo., 52-24
- 1996, Northwest Mo., 35-24
- 1995, Western, 24-20
- 1994, Western, 20-0
- 1993, Western, 21-14
- 1992, Northwest Mo., 43-24
- 1991, Northwest Mo., 49-24
- 1990, Western, 27-25
- 1989, Northwest Mo., 45-24
- 1988, Western, 27-26
- 1987, Northwest Mo., 20-14
- 1986, Western, 27-26
- 1985, Northwest Mo., 24-14
- 1984, Northwest Mo., 30-24

When Northwest passes

Northwest brings one of the most potent offensive attacks in the nation to the field on Saturday. With receivers like Jamaica and Andre Rector along with Morris White, the Bearcats pose a threat the Griffons can't compete with.

Advantage: Northwest



When Western passes

If there is a weakness, the Bearcats have it in the secondary. With the injury to Tony Glover, Northwest is forced to rely on a corps of cornerbacks, with the exception of veteran Gabriel Helms. Western is nothing to look down on in their air attack, either.

Advantage: Western

When Northwest rushes

A year ago this would have been no question Western would have an advantage. The tides have turned this year however. Northwest enters the game with freshman Xavier Omon averaging more than 100 yards a game on the ground, quite a turnaround from last year.

Advantage: Northwest

When Western rushes

Gone are the days of the porous defensive line at Northwest. The Bearcats are on pace to allow less than 500 total rushing yards for the entire regular season. No one has ran for more than 111 yards on them all season, there is likely no reason for that to start on Saturday.

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Bearcats outscored 9-2 in two MIAA battles

By KRISTINE HOTOP
Missourian Reporter

It was a long, tough weekend for the women's soccer team as they took a conference rival Emporia State, as well as No. 2 Truman State.

The 'Cats took a 5-2 loss to Emporia Saturday afternoon, giving sophomore forward Tiffany Abertson of first assist for the season, laying it off to sophomore Beth Gutschennritter who finished with a footed goal in the right corner. The second goal for the 'Cats was made off a direct kick by sophomore Jamie Campbell, which connected with freshman Tracy Sacco, after a bound off the goal post.

"The first 35 minutes of the game was the best I've seen the team play all year," said head coach Tracy Cross. "I give them credit for coming into the game playing that intense and with such rhythm after losing 7-1 to Nebraska-Omaha. It was a brilliant collection of plays; I was in awe."

Unfortunately, the 'Cats lost momentum at half, when Emporia

broke into the game with a pair of goals in the 47th and 48th minutes, followed by the fifth goal later in the game.

"With how young the team is, they are constantly learning. They are used to playing 80 minute games, and we play 90 minutes," said Cross. "They just have to figure out that this requires that last 10 minutes and no player can let us down."

The girls took on Truman State at home Sunday with a respectable 4-0 loss. Gutschennritter was unlucky with seven attempted shots on goal.

"This was the toughest week for the girls, matching up with Nebraska-Omaha, Emporia and Truman in five days," Cross said. "It's mentally and physically hard for the players."

Northwest hosts Washburn at 4 p.m. Friday at Bearcat Pitch, and is expecting a victory.

"Last time [we played Washburn] we outshot them 25-9; all the girls have to do is step up and compete," Cross said. "We know how they play; we can use that against them now. We just need to be optimistic."

Blitz!



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Laura Mings of TNT goes after Christie Taylor during a flag football game against the Alpha Whites Monday. Intramural flag football continues for the next couple weeks.

Runners take week to prepare for MIAA championships

By KYLIE McDONOUGH
Missourian Reporter

Few would prophesize freshman Karah Spader as such an asset to the Northwest women's cross country team. Spader, who finished 10th with a time of 19:58, helped the Bearcats with a third place finish in the Concordia Invitational last weekend.

"I have been very happy with the way that I have been running this season," Spader said. "But I'm very proud of the rest of the team, because everyone has a positive attitude and they push themselves to their full potential."

The team entered this meet tired and sore, but handled the situation exceptionally well. Although, with Heather Brokaw out with an injury, the team showed they will not let anything stop them.

"I am pleased with the toughness and competitiveness the girls are showing this season," Lorek said. "The girls tend to turn a bad situation into a good situation and a good situation into a great situation."

situation."

Junior Dia McKee was another top finisher for the Bearcats on Saturday. McKee, with her best finish of the season, came in 15th with a time of 20:17.

"I ran my hardest this week," McKee said of her finish. "But I'm proud of the team, and it's great to have such a strong freshman, because that will help them in the future." Other Northwest finishers were

Ashley Grosse, Jessica Montesano, Julie Toebben, Emily Von Weihe, Kara Poehlman, Kim Homan, Jennifer Williams, and Kristin Helmink.

Both McKee and Spader remain pleased with how the team is still pushing to their full potential. As the team prepares for conference and regionals, coach Lorek is having them run their hardest in the next few weeks.

"The whole season is based on the last couple weeks," Lorek said. "And I'm going to be running them hard till the season ends."

Next up for the women is the MIAA Championship, at 10 a.m. on Oct. 23, at the Mozingo Golf Course in Maryville.

Squad takes third now take week off

By BILLY BURNS
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest Missouri State men's cross country team feels like they are hitting their stride at the right time.

After finishing third at last Saturday's Concordia Invitational, with five runners placing between 10th and 17th, they begin gearing up to host the MIAA Championships.

Bryan Touney had the top time for the Bearcats, finishing the race in 26:26, more than a minute faster than he finished at Concordia last year. Matt Pohren, Brandon Dart, Stephen Pool and Drew Wilson rounded out the top five for the Bearcats. They all finished between 12th and 17th.

Pohren believes the improvement comes from their intense training.

"(Alsop) killed us the week before. It was there waiting to come out," Pohren said.

Concordia University (Neb.) and Doane College (Neb.) finished ahead of Northwest. Sam Malberg of Doane won the meet with a time of 25:33.

Alsop feels strongly about the commitment he has seen from his runners this season.

"I couldn't ask them to work out any harder than they have this fall," Alsop said.

"They've given me their heart and soul."

Touney thinks the team's mentality is helping the Bearcats.

We emphasize on pack running," Touney said. "We don't allow anyone to go out and try to steal victory for themselves."

Alsop thinks his runners are close to being very good.

"The only thing we're lacking right now from having a very good team is that we're not progressed and mature enough to push that pack up a little bit (farther)," Alsop said.

The rest of the MIAA will come to Maryville Oct. 23 for the MIAA Championships held at Mozingo Golf Course.

"In the end we should have the advantage because we'll run out there twice before the meet," Alsop said.

Alsop lists Central Missouri State, Missouri Southern and Truman State as some of the teams to beat at the conference championship.

Pohren and Touney are excited to host the upcoming meet.

"I know it's a challenging course but I think we're good at handling hills," Touney said.

Pohren hopes to have a local cheering section at the race.

"Hopefully some sort of crowd comes out," Pohren said.

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Ranked conference opponents up next

won a fourth game for 12th time this season and captured the victory.

Cummings set career high marks with 25 kills, 30 points and a .676 hitting percentage while tying a season-high 9 blocks. Allison Hyland also had 9 blocks, Sunken and Trowbridge each had two service aces, Mackenzie Heston had 18 digs and Caylee Meyer added 34 assists.

If the Lady Hawks were not happy losing the first game, then the second game was the catalyst as they came out in the third and won despite a late push by the 'Cats.

"I think we lost our focus, our communication, and whatever goal we had," Stilwell said. "We kind of regained that focus in game four."

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The Spoofhound offense listens up as head coach Paul Miller explains a play to the unit at practice earlier in the season. The Maryville offense is averaging 27.6 points per game. They hope to continue that power as they go head-to-head with Benton Friday.

Broncos' Plummer looks for new ways to honor fallen friend, Tillman

DENVER (AP) — Pat Tillman always stood up for what he believed. His friend Jake Plummer wanted to as well, but officials from the NFL weren't so keen on letting him.

Plummer relented Wednesday, agreeing to adhere to the league's dress code and remove a sticker from his helmet that honored Tillman, who was killed in the war in Afghanistan after quitting football to join the Army.

"When it comes to honoring Pat, he's bigger than a sticker on my helmet," Plummer said. "I don't like the fact I can't, but I understand what the league wants to accomplish with its rules and regulations."

To soften the blow, the NFL said it would not fine Plummer for wearing the sticker last Sunday in violation of league rules. Also, the league agreed to let Plummer tape public-service announcements honoring Tillman and play them in stadiums nationwide on the weekend after Veteran's Day.

"We, too, want to continue to keep Pat Tillman's legacy alive, but ... we have rules regarding personal messages on uniforms that we needed to apply consistently," the NFL said in a statement.

Tillman, a former teammate of Plummer's at Arizona State and with the Arizona Cardinals, quit the league in 2002 to join the Army Rangers. He died in combat in April.

To honor the former safety, all NFL players wore the No. 40 decal on their helmets during the second week of the season. The Cardinals

will wear the decal all season.

Plummer wanted to keep his own tribute going past the second week. Warned of possible fines by the NFL, Plummer backed down for the next two games. But against the Panthers last Sunday, the sticker reappeared. At that time, Plummer said giving up the fight just didn't feel right, and he agreed to accept whatever fine was levied and urged fans to donate to the Pat Tillman Foundation.

By Wednesday, the story had gained footing well beyond Broncos headquarters and the NFL offices. Arizona Sen. John McCain sent a letter to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue criticizing the league's policy. Colorado Sen. Wayne Allard also weighed in.

"I find it disheartening that the National Football League will penalize a player for honoring a fallen soldier, friend and American hero," Allard wrote in a letter to the commissioner.

In its statement, the NFL said "we look forward to working together with" Plummer and announced it has donated \$250,000 to build the first USO facility in Afghanistan, which will be named after Tillman.

The Broncos will honor Tillman by putting up a big No. 40 logo — Tillman's number with the Cardinals — near the play clock on the north end of the stadium. The team also will run ads on the scoreboard during games to promote the Tillman Foundation.

"His idea was, 'How can I go forward from this?'" Broncos spokes-

man Jim Saccocciano said. "We were looking for a better way. Everyone felt the same way, that something like this would work."

The NFL has long had a strict uniform policy banning unbuttoned shirts, unlicensed logos and unauthorized decals and signs worn on uniforms and helmets, regardless of the reason.

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Dangerous Benton poses possible upset

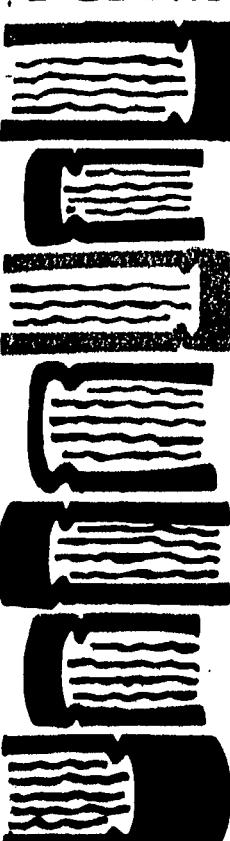
"Benton has a very good offense, a very potent offense," Miller said. "Defensively, they're very aggressive. They get after the ball. They're just a good football team in every aspect."

Miller is pleased with how the team has done during the first half of the season but says the toughness of the team's schedule might have affected the team.

"This first year (as coach) it would have been nice to have had maybe a couple of teams that weren't state ranked, just to give us an opportunity to get our bearings about us before we were thrown into that situation," Miller said.

The game is at 7 p.m. Friday at the 'Hound Pound.

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Burnsides, 'Hounds bust out of the gate against Lafayette

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

The woes of the Irish continued Friday night.

The Maryville football team dominated from the opening kickoff and never let up as they defeated visiting St. Joseph Lafayette 48-0.

"Tonight we really wanted to come out and set the tone on offense," Head Coach Paul Miller said. "We joked in the office, right before we came out, 'Yeah, we'll probably return the thing for a touchdown,' and sure enough that's what we did."

Senior Myles Burnsides got things going for the 'Hounds on Homecoming as he returned the ball from the 10-yard line all the way to the end zone.

The 'Hounds scored once again on a 4th and a foot one drive later when running back Skyler Vandiver found paydirt on a 80-yard touchdown run. The Spoofhounds went on to score three more times before

the quarter with a 34-0 lead. Burnsides returned a punt for another touchdown as he went 70 yards for the score.

"We executed well on all sides of the ball — defense, offense, special teams," Burnsides said. "That was our goal all week to play a full 48 minutes and come out and execute on all sides of the ball."

The defense faced a test in running back Curtis Cruse of the Irish but he did not do any sufficient damage as the team kept him out of the end zone.

"Our kids are smart, they understand the game of football," Miller said. "They understand when they see a kid on film that he has some talent or he doesn't have some talent. I think our kids took that task seriously."

Cruse ended up with over a hundred all-purpose yards, though most of his yards came in the second half when Maryville had taken most of their starters out. Cruse had the wind knocked out of him in the sec-

ond quarter and it took him awhile to get back up.

"(Cruse) took some shots but kept coming back and he's as good of a player we will see all year long," Miller said.

The defense managed to prevent Lafayette twice when they had the ball inside the 20-yard line. But Lafayette fumble late into the game on Maryville's seven-yard line ruled that chance.

David Bombara had an interception while Evan Wilmes recovered a fumble. Quarterback Josh Wilmes threw two touchdowns and ran for one. Wide Receiver Syd Brisbane and tight end Ben McKim both had touchdowns. Colby Chesnut also added a touchdown on a one-yard run.

Coach Miller said the win was for the team's confidence after four weeks of ranked opponents.

"The pressure has been on all season and tonight was just sort of fun," Miller said. "I think that was important because that's what it's supposed to be about — fun."

'Hounds fall to Savannah as two seniors fail to make the journey

By MEGAN CRAWFORD
MISSOURIANREPORTER

Despite losing two team leaders to illness, the Maryville High School volleyball team put their heart and soul into a heartbreaker against Savannah Tuesday.

The 'Hounds showed up with two players stepping in for ill teammates Kim Wolfer and Cristy Chapman. The team adjusted and everyone stepped up to fill spots.

Head coach Heather Stoecklein said the team played with a lot of heart and intensity, in spite of the fact that two senior starters were absent due to illness.

"They played with a lot of emotion," Stoecklein said. "They left everything they had out on the

court."

Game scores were 20-25, 27-25, 16-25.

The team fought hard in the first two matches and worked hard on every aspect of the game. Mallary Herring had a standout game, bringing in 17 kills and three blocks. Molly Howell helped the team out with 22 assists.

With no substitutions left in the third match, the team ran out of gas. The players worked hard and continued to play a good game but just couldn't pull it off.

"It would have been nice if they had won," Stoecklein said. "But they fought hard and I am so proud of them for playing as hard as they did."

Maryville has three regular sea-

son games remaining before districts. Their record going into the last couple of weeks of regular season is 16-9-2. Tonight the 'Hounds play Chillicothe on the road. The last time Maryville played Chillicothe they lost in a three-game match.

Stoecklein has high hopes for the team in the last couple of weeks before districts. The team will face Cameron in district.

The Dragons suffered their only loss of the year to the 'Hounds. The chances of Maryville beating Cameron in districts is good.

"I think we can win districts," she said. "I think we have an awesome chance at taking districts. The players need to get healthy. But we'll just take it one game at a time."

Last Saturday, Maryville played third in a weekend home tournament.

Sports In Brief

The Maryville Spoofhounds and girls senior soccer players are sponsoring a "Passback Drive" used soccer equipment.

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Girls golf captures districts

Last Thursday, for the first time since 2001, the Maryville Spoofhounds golf team captured the district title.

The team of four out-shot both Worth County and Mound City to claim the title.

Fairann Campbell led the Spoofhounds with a total of 95. This was good enough for second place overall.

Haleigh Vest finished right behind Campbell with a 99. Ashley Perry finished two places later at fifth place with a 101. Sarah Hayes added a 105 for

the 'Hounds to give them a total of 400.

Worth County was just 15 points behind Maryville and Mound City finished at 422.

All four golfers will head to state on Oct. 18th and 19th, along with teammate Amy Ludwig.

The team had their conference meet on Wednesday.

The state championships are in Springfield, Mo.

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Berlanga was a perfect 7-7 on extra points and made two field goals of 36 and 37 yards in Northwest's 55-19 win over Southern.



The Cardinals pitching staff will look to continue their strong pitching in Game 2 of the National League Championship series at 8 p.m. today. They face Astros hitting powerhouses Jeff Bagwell, Carlos Beltran and Lance Berkman.

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Cardinals plan to keep shaking hands

ST. LOUIS (AP) — In a display more commonly associated with hockey, the Los Angeles Dodgers congratulated the St. Louis Cardinals on the field after losing the decisive Game 1 of the NL division series.

Maybe it'll become a baseball tradition, too. There's a chance the Astros and Cardinals will show a similar display of sportsmanship after the NLCS because there's been virtually no animosity between the teams.

"There's a big-time mutual respect," Astros left-fielder Craig Biggio said. "I think there's a lot of professionalism on both sides."

Biggio's first reaction when he saw players from opposing teams shaking hands and embracing was "Wow, that's kind of classy."

"But you've got to get the other side reciprocate, especially if you're the one that wins."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said all the feedback he's received has been positive, although he wasn't sure the NLCS will have a similar coda.

Astros manager Phil Garner has not discussed the topic.

"I don't know if it will come up," Russa said. "I don't know if it's a one-time deal or you'll see it."

Cardinals reliever Steve Kline called "class act" by the Dodgers.

"That's big for a lot of people to see that in baseball and in sports, period," Kline said. "In today's world everything is so competitive and it's hard to do, shake someone's hand right after you've just lost."

Still, everyone wasn't totally diplomatic on Tuesday, the day before the series began. Cardinals setup man Julian Tavarez pulled no punches when assessing the relative strengths of the teams.

"We don't look at the Houston Astros like this is a great team," Tavarez said. "They are good but we are better than them."

"We are the best because we've got 108 wins. We've proved it. We are the best."

SECOND CHANCE: Cardinals third baseman Scott Rolen missed the 2002 NLCS after separating his shoulder in a division series baserunning collision. But he doesn't feel any extra incentive in his first shot since then, and his first NLCS period.

"There's nothing you can do about it," Rolen said. "You don't hang your head getting a chance to play in the playoffs at any time, and right now is a great opportunity."

Even if he's not 100 percent, Rolen missed 16 games in September with a strained calf and enters the second round in a 3-for-29 slump because he's

struggled with his timing.

"I'm not the only one hurt on the field," Rolen said. "There's a lot of guys out there playing hurt. You have a broken leg, you're going to try to get out there because we have a chance to play in a World Series."

La Russa said he'll take Rolen any day, even if he's not at his best.

"Every day that he didn't play I didn't think we had as good of a chance to win," La Russa said. "Every day he's in the ballgame I think we have a chance to win."

"Sometimes you have to go beyond the stats."

NO DEAL: The Astros resisted the temptation to unload Carlos Beltran at the trading deadline, a little more than a month after they acquired the star center fielder from the Royals. And just before their season took off.

Beltran said he had been told a few times by general manager Gerry Hunsicker that he would not be traded.

"I was a little bit worried for me," Beltran said. "But when we found a way to turn the season around and we saw ourselves like three games behind in the wild card, I knew that I was going to stay with the club and I was very happy."

"It's been a great experience being around Bagwell, Biggio, Clemens ... all these guys."

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Commentary

Rivera arrives big amid mourning

By STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Somehow the night, laden with so much drama and history, seemed destined to distill down to the inevitable confrontation: Mariano Rivera once again choking off the Boston Red Sox.

He was there on the mound when the Yankees desperately needed him, making the long journey Tuesday from funeral to field, Panama to New York, exhausted, emotionally spent yet no less effective than ever.

He was there in the end, taking a final tap back to the mound to start a game-ending double play and save a 10-7 victory in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series.

Did anyone expect anything else?

Rivera arrived in the second inning, his mere presence enough to inspire the Yankees to a four-run rally in the third.

For a while, it looked as if his arm would not be needed. Curt Schilling, who had planned on shutting down the Yankees and shutting up their fans, got shelled and was gone after that ugly third inning.

By the end of the sixth, the Yankees were up 8-0, Mike Mussina brilliant with a perfect game going. He threw his eighth strikeout to start the seventh inning and few fans could envision a call for Rivera in this game.

He had entered the bullpen in the fifth inning, receiving hearty hugs from his teammates and cheers from the crowd. He was smiling, probably for the first time since learning Saturday that his wife's cousin and 14-year-old son had died from electrocution when a cable fell in the pool

at Rivera's home in Panama.

Rivera had flown to the funeral and back by a private jet hired by the Yankees, but with Mussina cruising there seemed little reason for Rivera to be more than just a spectator along with more than 56,000 others.

The Red Sox, though, have one of the most explosive lineups in baseball. They finally lit up Mussina with two doubles and two singles and sent him to the showers with a well-earned round of cheers. Jason Varitek's three-run homer

off reliever Tanyon Sturtze made it 8-5, and a suddenly nervous Yankee Stadium crowd had a good reason to quiet down.

When Boston scored two more runs in the eighth to make it 8-7, Yankees manager Joe Torre didn't hesitate a moment about going to Rivera, the most dominant reliever in playoff history and a personal nemesis of the Red Sox.

"I just was thinking, 'What can possibly be going through his head right now?'" the Yankees' Gary Sheffield said.

Everyone else was thinking the same thing.

But Rivera's mind was clear. He wanted to be home with his family, but he had a job to do.

"It was tough," he said, adding that the prayers of his families and friends had helped him get through the day. "I was coming here to pitch. I would have been upset if I didn't pitch. My teammates needed me there."

Four pitches later, Rivera got Kevin Millar to pop up harmlessly to short.

The Yankees gave Rivera a little wiggle room in the bottom of the eighth, scoring two runs for a 10-7 lead. Rivera didn't need the extra runs. One pitch in the ninth got him the first out, a pop up by Trot Nixon. After singles by Varitek and Orlando Cabrera, Rivera ended the game by getting Bill Mueller to tap back to the mound. Rivera grabbed the ball and whirled to second to start a double play that closed out the Red Sox once more.

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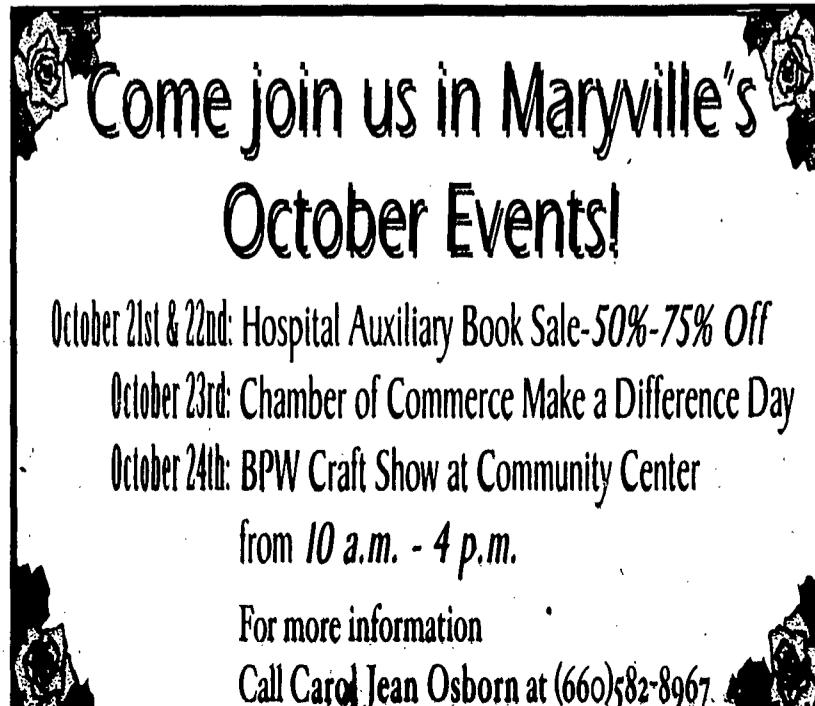
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This Saturday's Bearcat game is extra special. It pits Northwest Missouri State University against their hated rivals of St. Joseph Community College, also known as Missouri Western State College. Griffon fans may want to stay home for this one. The Bearcat faithful will have the stadium rocking and there's no room for black and gold in the grandstands.

This rivalry has history to it, but is still rather young in comparison to some of the mainstream rivalries



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in college football. They've had their share of exciting games and last year's trip to Mo West was no exception. The Griffons managed to come back from a 17-point deficit to win the game in overtime.

It's going to be an exciting game this time around. The players will be on an emotional high and the intensity will be there. Revenge is on the minds of Lamberson and the boys. It will be important for the offense to score fast and

get off to a good start. Their defense will need to play tough and force a couple of early turnovers. If the 'Cats can play their game, it'll be a blowout.

The fans are revved up and ready to go. The gloves have come off and the first punch was thrown nearly two weeks ago when the campus radio station began selling Muck Fo West shirts. To no surprise, Griffon students still can't figure out what the saying really means.

With rivalry week finally upon us, it's good to be a Bearcat. It will give us yet another reason to celebrate why we are better than them.

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Sean Penn badly needs a muzzle

By SEAN COMER
Buzz Editor

Enough from Sean Penn. Really. Someone just please make him stop. Recently, after *South Park* creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker denounced uninformed individuals who planned to vote in spite of their ignorance by proclaiming "there's no shame in not voting," Penn fired off an angry letter that had the duo rolling in the aisles.

Penn publicly has offered to take Parker and Stone on "the same taxi ride he took" through the cities of Iraq, hoping they'll stand as proof that there is, indeed, shame in not voting.

One problem: Parker and Stone made those remarks in regards to uninformed, apathetic people who would cast their votes without really knowing anything substantial about the issues or either candidate.

They never said nobody should vote. The people to whom Parker and Stone were speaking are the ones who don't vote responsi-

bly.

Why anybody should take Penn seriously is a mystery. Does he honestly believe that it's a great idea for even people who have no clue about what's going on in America or the impact of their vote have a say at all? That's about the only thing more dangerous than Bush is capable of being.

Penn has got to be one of the most pompous, gall-filled sacks of hot-air to come out of Hollywood since—well, OK, Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon, but that puts him in the Top Three.

For all who haven't figured this out yet, here it is in black and white: he's just an actor. Garbage men perform more useful services to America than Sean Penn.

His opinion doesn't carry more weight because of the Oscar on his mantle. If nothing else, because he's in such a commercial industry, his opinion should be forever suspect.

This wouldn't be such a big deal, if not for the fact that not everybody sees through Hollywood's lack of political relevance. That's the bigger issue.

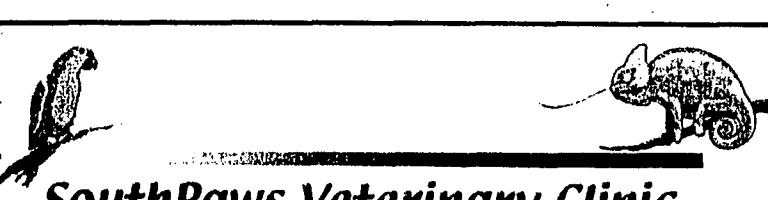
To refresh some memories, the last time Penn went to Iraq, Saddam turned it around on him and fueled anti-American sentiment. What's worse, when he came home and found out how Saddam had spun his visit, he was somehow surprised.

The last thing we need is celebrities getting more involved in international affairs. Nobody authorized Penn to act as ambassador to Iraq or anybody else, for that matter. Need proof? He ended his letter to Stone and Parker with "...and a sincere f*** you." Yeah, real diplomatic.

Whatever ripping Parker and Stone dish out to Penn eventually on *South Park*, he has it coming.

Hollywood credibility does not a political scientist make. And the privilege of voting should be revered enough for America to check their facts before casting their ballots.

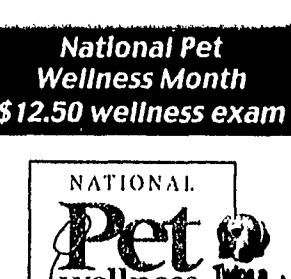
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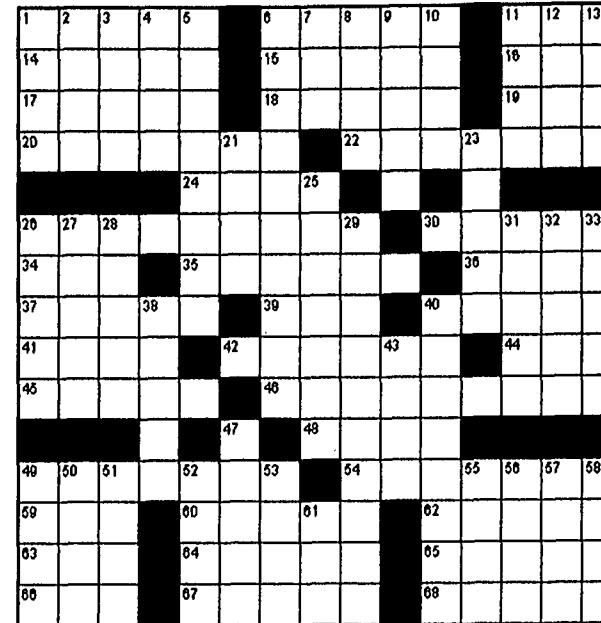


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 - Village in eastern Ireland
 - Covetousness
 - Entrance
 - Province in central Canada

6. Beyond what is human
7. East northeast
8. From a distance
9. Silicates cleavable into very thin leaves
10. Simmer
11. Fresh-water fish
12. Command to stop a horse
13. Lofty
21. Lepidopterous insect
23. A hand tool
25. Provided the food
26. Nonhuman creature
27. Consumed
28. It will
29. Ball game
31. Refreshment stand
32. Elicit
33. Made anew
38. Climate
40. Italian city
43. Impressed
47. Go over again
49. Skillfully
50. Back of the neck
51. Infatuated
52. Steals from

53. Half

55. Aromatic fragrance

56. Yellow cheese coated with red wax

57. Queue

58. Formerly

61. Lincoln

See answers below

Useless knowledge

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